

A Visit with wife of New Zealand's Minister of Education, Jill Amos

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Mrs. Jill Amos and Siegrun Kuhaupt discuss the Divine Principle

Coffee, the family dog Herman, and a wonderfully warm woman greeted us at a recent visit to the home of New Zealand's Minister of Education, Mr. Philip Amos.

Jill Amos, the minister's wife, quickly disposed of all red tape, pomp, and ceremony and the discussion began on a very human level. Siegrun introduced the Unification Church, explaining the Principle upon which it is based, how it is working in the world, and the church's aims.

Mrs. Amos, a guidance counselor, secondary school teacher, and marriage guidance counselor, wholeheartedly agreed that divine socialism would be the ideal world system of government.

Experiences with many parents and their children have clearly shown Mrs. Amos the inconsistency in man. She sees the need for a standard of value, a guideline for man. "We need consistent parents," said Mrs. Amos.

"Children have no guidelines for spiritual development and consequently grow up in a confused environment," she said.

"All human expression begins in the spirit of man and yet the world offers no encouragement for spiritual growth." We explained that men and women, as individuals, should reach maturity when their minds and bodies unite centered on God. Only when this union is realized can God's first blessing to man, "Be fruitful," be fulfilled and only then can marriage take place. Mrs. Amos could see that this level of unity

between mind and body would be a feeling rather than a specified age or physical level.

We explained how religion should lead man to spiritual oneness with God and why past religions have been unable to fulfill this. "God wants man to live in a perfect world, so He needs a religion or an ideology which can fulfill His will," we said.

Mrs. Amos agreed. "Often people who claim to be religious are further away from truth than those who claim no religious attachment," she said.

We explained how man lost the capacity to grow spiritually to perfect parenthood when his original parents, Adam and Eve, deviated from God's will. Mrs. Amos could see how perfect parents must come before this world of problems and chaos can crumble and a new world can be born.

She could see parenthood as being the key to the world's problems. She agreed that it is necessary for a man and a woman to set the standard for perfect manhood, perfect womanhood and perfect parenthood. "When these standards are set there can be world unity," she said. "I believe in unity of any sort. I think unity is strengthened by the differences within it. We have to discover our individuality and express it for the good of others." Disillusionment and lack of purpose are the main reasons for stunting the growth of today's youth, according to Mrs. Amos.

"Young people must see that truth is hard to find but not impossible. Parents today are inclined to make life easy for their children, which shows adults' lack of respect for youth." We cited the Pilgrim fathers, who left England 350 years ago to settle in America, as examples of love, fortitude, and faith. "The Pilgrim fathers had ideals and struck out to achieve them even against all odds," Mrs. Amos agreed. "From the determination of these people came an incredible constitution." At this point we told Dr. Amos that America should stand firm behind President Nixon in this time of crisis if the spirit of the American founders is to be rediscovered. "Never give up hope," said Siegrun, "God is working hard in America to restore the inscription 'In God We Trust.'"

Mrs. Amos, moved by the faith, expressed in President Nixon, felt that it would be better to improve the quality of President Nixon's leadership rather than destroy him. We presented her with Reverend Moon's Watergate Statement and explained the importance of supporting the position of the American President.

We outlined the Unification Church's activities in support of President Nixon. We told Dr. Amos how Reverend Moon had encouraged the President to fight against Watergate pressures with the words, "Never knuckle under to pressure."

Mrs. Amos was especially interested in the One World Crusade tours of America by Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

She was presented with some American newspaper reports of the tour, a letter from President Nixon to Reverend Moon, a copy of The Way Of The World, the Study Guide for the Divine Principle and was introduced to Reverend Moon's Unification Thought.

The meeting ended with a warm invitation being extended to the New Zealand Unification Church by Mrs. Amos for a return visit.

Mrs. Amos expressed a wish to meet the whole New Zealand group at the Wellington-based national headquarters to enable her to experience the lifestyle of a Principle center.